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Virgil and the 101

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Fri, Dec 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Good Morning George-

Hope you are enjoying the holidays.

Im reaching out regarding the current conditions under the 101 Bridge at Virgil Ave. I realize that's not in the local jurisdiction to maintain, but rather state. I went online and filed a complaint via CalTrans regarding the safety and health issues the current encampment is causing (fires, obstruction of sidewalks, etc) but have received no acknowledgment. Is there someone at the state level I can directly reach out to regarding this?

Priva and I are surprised and disappointed that tax payer monies were spent to hardscape the underside of these bridges with beautiful rocks inviting more comfortable "living conditions" for the encampments. The bridge lights were never restored and the temporary fencing has become unsightly and dangerous to pedestrians. The amount of litter, drug paraphernalia and rotten food is atrocious. Who's idea was this to begin with? What was the thought behind it?

Going into the New Year, we are hopeful that this encampment (possibly the worst in the 13th district), can be cleaned up and maintained better. Sounds like we need the states help to support??

Happy holidays to you and all the folks that help and serve the 13th District.

Kindly-

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Design Studio Leader

Priva Privacy - Los Angeles

Sent from my iPhone

George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 28, 2018 at 11:59 AM

To: Privac Privacy <Privac Privacy Privacy >

Hi Privac, and Priva,

Thanks for your e-mail, and Happy Holidays to you and yours. Wishing you and your family all the best in the year ahead.

Regarding the site you mentioned, you are correct in that it is CalTrans right-of-way and the City has no authority over it. Unfortunately, I do not know what criteria CalTrans uses to implement these hardscaping projects so I cannot speak to how or why they chose that location, among others. Given that CalTrans is a State agency, your [State Assembly Office](#), and your [State Senator's Office](#) would be able to better direct CalTrans' regional operations to address your concerns, as the State Assembly and Senate fund that agency.

Prior to your e-mail, I had already opened a ticket with CalTrans about the site in question, and flagged it to our CalTrans representative. In the future, please feel free to send me your Service Request Number so that I can flag it to him. Though I do not have any access to information concerning when and how often their problem sites will be able to get addressed, I have previously worked with him to address other sites that easily traverse City and State jurisdiction, which is an ongoing issue impacting homes in your neighborhood specifically given the close proximity of both jurisdictions.

I will follow up with our CalTrans rep to see where we are on the process here, but please be advised that apart from doing that, my ability to coordinate in greater detail is highly limited due to the site being out of our jurisdiction.

Please feel free to give me a call should you want to discuss further/have any questions.

Best regards,
George
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George Hakopiants

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 4:03 PM

To: [Privac] [Privacy] <[Privac Privacy] [Privacy]>

Hi [Privac] -

I'm sure you already knew this by now, but the Bureau of Street Lighting informed me that they have completed our request to have the lights at Virgil and the 101 repaired.

Please let me know if they go out again, so we can request a repair immediately.

Thanks in advance, and hope your 2019 is off to a great start!

Best,
George

On Fri, Dec 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM [Privac] [Privacy] <[Privac Privacy] [Privacy]> wrote:

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Thu, Jan 24, 2019 at 6:58 AM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Good Morning George!

My apologies for not responding weeks ago to your immediate following up to my email.

I have noticed the under Bridge lights were on! So glad they responded right away.

We have continued to find hyperdemic needles in our front yard/street. I get nervous between my dog and kids and accidentally stepping on one. Wish our city was able to move faster on a solution for the homeless. They are in such dire need of so many different services besides shelter. I've noticed the encampment along Oakwood has grown really big and dense... I imagine it's the adjacency to PATH?

When we moved into this area, we realized the proximity of the encampment under the bridge. It's just shocking that in 3 years it's grown 3x bigger— we thought by this time, it would be getting smaller with solutions being talked about and potentially implemented.

bending your ear :)

On a separate, I'm on the design team for several new LADWP buildings across the city. One being at Clinton and Hoover! It's going to change the visual landscape in that neck of the woods. Hoping the design (when ready to be presented) is well-received by the community.

Talk soon!

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Interior Design Studio Leader
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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 3:35 PM

To: Privac Privacy <Privac Privacy Privacy >

Hi Privac,

Please let me know when you see needles/waste along your street. We can submit requests to have them cleaned up as soon as possible. Are they still in the area now?

As far as homelessness initiatives go, definitely agree that it needs to be a menu of options, ranging from mental health programs, to addiction programs, to bridge housing and permanent supportive housing. Many of these projects are in the works, but as I am sure you can imagine, it takes some time for a City like Los Angeles -- America's second largest -- to get to spending the money that was allocated for these measures. I'd be happy to brief you more over the phone, if you're interested.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or comments and I'd be happy to set up a time.

Thanks in advance.
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Sun, Apr 21, 2019 at 1:09 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Hi George -

Priva here, I hope this finds you well.

I noticed CalTran recently installed top-to-bottom chain link fencing and "no trespassing" signage under the 101 bridge at Silverlake Blvd.

Who do we need to contact to get the same installed at the Virgil underpass?

I know we sound like a broken record, but the encampment grows by the day .. we've had packages stolen, plants vandalized, and we caught someone looking in our front window one morning a few weeks ago.

We pay a lot of property tax on our property, and we don't see these encampment issues in other parts of your district .. what do we need to do here?

Respectfully,
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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 24, 2019 at 3:10 PM

To: Privac Privacy <Privac Privacy Privacy >

Hi Priva,

Thanks for reaching out.

Unfortunately, I have very little pull over CalTrans, as that is a State agency, and they answer to the California State Legislature and Governor. Your State Senator is [Maria-Elena Durazo](#), and your State Assemblymember is [Laura Friedman](#).

Also, if you're interested, I can connect you with another constituent who lives nearby, who was experiencing similar issues with CalTrans and requested fencing. It may be worth your while to team up and reach out to your state assembly and Senate offices to advocate for more fencing.

In addition, please report all stolen packages, property damage, etc. to LAPD by filing an official police report.

There are some additional updates that I'd like to share with you over the phone.

Please let me know if you are available for a brief 10-15 minute call this week, and what the best number to reach you at is.

Thanks in advance!

Best,
George

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Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 7:47 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Hi George -

What I feared would happen has - due to the cleanup efforts in the Oakwood Ave area, the encampment on our block (west side of Virgil Ave, just north of the 101 bridge) has grown to 4 times its previous size in the past couple of weeks - it's now comparable to what was once on Oakwood.

What do we have to do to get a similar cleanup effort underway for our street from Mitch O'Farrell's office?

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 9:38 PM

To: Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Hi Hector,

FYI - let's chat when you have a chance

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Mon, Oct 21, 2019 at 9:15 AM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Good morning George -

Just following up on this - the encampment on Virgil under the 101 bridge has gotten quite large, due in large part to the cleanup effort on Oakwood - much of the camp is on the hill, not under the bridge, so I'm guessing it's LA jurisdiction, not the State of California.

What can be done to address this?

I see zero encampments along Sunset and in other parts of the district, yet in our corner no one seems to be patrolling them .. I had a man yelling in front of our home with his pants down in the middle of the night just a couple of days ago .. he was clearly on heroin.

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 21, 2019 at 4:51 PM

To: Privac Privacy <Privac Privacy Privacy >, Matthew Zeigler <34208@lapd.online>

Hi Priva,

All of the locations that you mentioned are all on CalTrans, which is overseen by CalTrans, a state agency.

Moving forward, please report all noise violations and trespassing to LAPD as those things are still against the law.

I am happy to join Officer Zeigler and meet with you to further discuss next steps at a time that is most convenient for you.

Please let me know and we can coordinate.

Best,
George

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Sun, Nov 3, 2019 at 3:01 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Cc: Matthew Zeigler <34208@lapd.online>

Hi George and Office Zeigler,

Just following up on the below:

I've been in touch with CalTrans. They were helpful in explaining what they can do and where their limitations lie such as:

- No Sidewalks (city must respond to encampments on sidewalks)
- Can not remove homeless persons, only the trash/litter they or their encampments produce.

As described to me, CalTrans only responds to land/easements that are adjacent to the state highways. Should there be an issue with folks that comprise the encampments then CHP and a local Officer need to be contacted. Is that accurate?

More Recently, the Hoover encampment is on the sidewalk and is so large that no pedestrian or wheelchair can use the sidewalk. Completely obstructed with tents and trash- Absolute public safety violation.

While many residents keep filing complaints and service requests via 311, this should not be part of our weekly, taxpayer responsibilities. Our Neighborhood would like to gather a "Call to Action" regarding the encampments at Hoover/101 and Virgil/101. There are at least 75 neighbors whom have expressed a desire to come together as a community, voice our concerns, discuss solutions, understand what our local and state authorities are doing and how we can all come together regarding this issue. I realize It's a very sensitive issue- not just to our neighborhood, but statewide.

We would like representatives from CHP, local police, Mitch O'Farrell and perhaps several homeless organizations (ie PATH) to be part of this civil community gathering.

Is that possible? If so, are there recommendations where we can organize? I was hoping a community room, church or small theater might volunteer space.

Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Regards-

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Sun, Nov 3, 2019 at 4:45 PM

To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>

FYI - they live near the Virgil/101, Oakwood/Madison, Hoover/101 area...

Just putting this on your radar.

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CC: Matthew Zeigler <34208@lapd.online>

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Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 4, 2019 at 12:21 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>, Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Cc: Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>

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Juan Antonio Fregoso

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 5:04 PM

To: Privac Privacy <Privac Privacy Privacy >

Hi Privac and Priva:

I am in receipt of your e-mail.

I actually just got back to work after having been sick for the past two days, so I'm now catching up with some outstanding communications.

Do you have time to talk tomorrow?

Best,
George

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Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 8:56 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Cc: Priv @sidetwo.la

Hi George,

Priva is out of town, but I'm around tomorrow morning to connect- available 8:30 am - 10 am and then again at 2 pm and after.

So sorry you fell ill- hope your back 100%!

My cell: Privacy

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Interior Design Principal

Priva Privacy - Los Angeles

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 10:36 AM

To: [Privac [Privacy] <[Privac Privacy Privacy] >

Thanks, [Privac]

I will call you at 2:10.

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Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 11:28 AM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Great- looking forward to the conversation

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Tue, Nov 12, 2019 at 1:20 PM

To: George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Hi George-

This flyer has been posted to a few on-line neighborhood groups. Just wanted to pass it along to you. It was also sent last week to both Senator Durazo and Assembly Member Laura Friedman. I spoke with a person at the Senator's office, but unfortunately, I think this meeting was scheduled to quickly for them to commit attendance. Hoping they can send a representative, at least. I have not been in contact with anyone at Friedman's office.

Looking forward to seeing you this evening. The gal that set this meeting up - Megan Hanson - is expecting a smaller turn-out and I'm not sure she has an agenda. I suggested we have one and she feels this should be more casual. Difference of opinion.

Community Gathering on Public Safety

With the growing concern over the expanding size of the encampments at the 101 & Hoover and the 101 & Virgil the surrounding community is gathering to review the current plight, Public Safety for all (residents and homeless), discuss potential solutions and understand the process to report issues where city and state jurisdictions converge (i.e. state highway bridges).

Other topics of conversation will include the newly formed **Unified Homeless Response Center** (under Mayor Garcetti's office) and the status of the HHH supportive housing at 320 N. Madison (PATH).

Date & Time

Tues. Nov. 12th 5:30pm

Location

Cafecito Organico (Hoover/Bellevue)

Officials expected to be present

Field Deputy George Hakopiants (Mitch O'Farrell's office)

Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez (Mitch O'Farrell's office)

Neighborhood Prosecutor Kurt Knecht

Senior Lead Officer Ryan Nguyen

Community Resource Specialist Isabella Bolton Torres (City Attorney's Office)



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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

To: Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 12, 2019 at 1:47 PM

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George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

To: Mary Rodriguez <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 12, 2019 at 1:50 PM

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